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**IN THE DRAWINGS**

The attached sheets of drawings replace the FIGS 1-5. originally filed and FIG. 6 has been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

**REMARKS**

Amendments, remarks, and amendments are in response to the Official Action mailed January 5, 2006.

In the Official Action, the drawings are rejected to under 37 C.F.R. 1.83(a). The Examiner asserts that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the Examiner is referring to the fact that the abutment arrangement being displaced will relative to the associate element must be shown or the feature canceled from the claims. In response to this objection, applicants have submitted a new FIG. 6 as well as additional language to the detailed description that corresponds with FIG. 6 to clearly show that the abutment arrangement may be displaceable. No new matter has been added to the specification as a result of this amendment.

**CLAIM REJECTIONS — 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 1-13, 15, and 17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The Examiner asserts that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification such as a ways to enable one skilled in the art to which pertains, or which is mostly nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Specifically, the Examiner states to that claim 1 discloses that the abutment arrangement is displaceable to either the brake shoe flange or backing plate with which it is associated. The Examiner asserts that it is unclear how the abutment can move relative to the associated member. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection and submit that the application as originally filed disclosed such discussion. Specifically, Applicants refer to paragraph [0014] where it states "alternatively, if the

engagement member is not the displaceable member, the projection could be formed depending directly from the flange or the backing plate." Additionally, at paragraph [0018] of the present application, it states that "the abutment arrangement preferably is formed as an opening machined or punched into the backing plate of the drum brake assembly or the flange of the brake shoe, although it may be formed as a component part which is fixed to the backing plate or flange and that part may be formed as the displaceable member, say as a spring clip." In addition, at paragraph [0022] it states "either of the engagement member or the abutment arrangement can conveniently be attached to or formed on the first flange for cooperation with the other of the engagement member or the abutment arrangement formed in or attached to the backing plate." Thus, one skilled in the art would clearly understand that the abutment arrangement can clearly be formed as the displaceable member.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding, applicants have amended the specification to include the language included in paragraphs [0014], [0018], and [0022] in newly added paragraph [0038.1] after paragraph [0038]. The new paragraph was submitted so that character reference numerals may be placed in the specification to clearly reference newly added FIG. 6. No new matter has been added to the specification as a result of any of these amendments.

As such, Applicants respectfully request that the claims of the present application be deemed allowable and patentable over the art cited.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is

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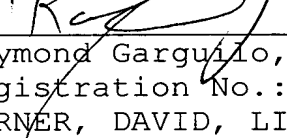
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respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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